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ABSTRACT

This data book from the Children's Defense Fund includes statistics on a range of indicators that measure critical aspects of children's lives in each of the states and the United States as a whole. Statistics are provided in the following categories: (1) population and family characteristics (number of children under age 18 and age 6, number of children between ages 6-17, children in foster care, births to unmarried mothers); (2) economic security and federal program participation (median income, change in welfare recipients, food stamps, women, infants, and children (WIC) program, children who are poor, percent collection of child support); (3) health and disabilities (prenatal care, low birth weight, infant mortality, immunizations, health insurance, Medicaid, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program); (4) child care and early childhood education (mothers in labor force with children under 6 and under 17, Head Start, extended-day school programs, licensed child care centers, regulated family or group care homes); (5) youth development (teen birth rate, deaths from guns, unemployment rate); and (6) Every day in [specific state], which presents statistics such as "Every day in America 14 children are killed by firearms." Concludes with data sources. (EV)

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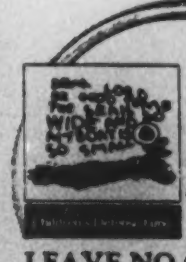

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Introduction

The future of our nation depends on how we protect and nurture our children. Our ability as child advocates to guide public and private decision makers depends upon having access to accurate, timely and comprehensive information about the condition of children. Successful advocacy must have at its foundation reliable data that make a case or prove a point. We hope the data presented here will be useful to your endeavors to ensure that every child receives a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life.

The federal government collects data on children through many different agencies. These agencies regularly report on various aspects of children's well-being: health and health care, educational achievement, economic status, family structure, and others. We have supplemented data available from government sources to complete a picture of how children fare in this country.

This data book includes a range of carefully chosen key indicators that measure critical aspects of children's lives. Decisions regarding which indicators were to be included have been guided by a combination of scientific and practical considerations. We included indicators that can be easily understood by broad audiences, are based on reliable sources, and are timely. The source information for all data in the individual state profiles begin on page 106.

Using the Profiles

We hope the data presented in the state profiles will be a useful resource. Please feel free to photocopy and distribute selected profiles along with their source information, which begins on page 106.

1998 United States Profile

Every Day in America

3	young people under age 25 die from HIV infection.
6	children commit suicide.
13	children are homicide victims.
14	children are killed by firearms.
81	babies die.
280	children are arrested for violent crimes.
443	babies are born to mothers who had late or no prenatal care
781	babies are born at low birthweight.
1,403	babies are born to teen mothers.
1,827	babies are born without health insurance.
2,430	babies are born into poverty.
2,756	children drop out of high school every school day.
3,436	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
5,753	children are arrested.
8,470	children are reported abused or neglected.
11.3 million	children are without health insurance.
14.5 million	children live in poverty.

Population and Family Characteristics

	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	45,716,391
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	1,253,976; 32%

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	United States
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation	
Median income of families of four, 1995	$49,687
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	19%
Health and Disabilities	
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education	
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	282,883
Youth Development	
Teen birth rate, 1995	56.8
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.3%

1998 Alabama State Profile

Every 14 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 47 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 15 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Alabama	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,076,436	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	357,108	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	719,328	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	18,120	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,590	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-19%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	20,798; 34%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$42,617	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$357	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	42%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-50%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	273,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	118,899	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	288,512; 26% State Rank: 41	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	21% State Rank: 25	19%

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	Alabama	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	81.7% State Rank: 33	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	9.0% State Rank: 47	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.8 State Rank: 48	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	75% State Rank: 36	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	179,000; 15.1% State Rank: 37	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	357,152; 27%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	98,266	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	26,988	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,939	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	62%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	73%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	15,897	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,274; 24%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,335	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	3,366	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	70.3	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,021	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	119	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	61	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	38	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	22.7%	17.3%

1998 Alaska State Profile

Every 53 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 8 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 16 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 19 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Alaska	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	184,387	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	60,412	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	123,975	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	8,142	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,783	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-54%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,061; 30%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$56,045	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.65	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$763	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	81%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-5%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	27,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	23,537	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	30,628; 16% State Rank: 11	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	17% State Rank: 34	19%

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	Alaska	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.4% State Rank: 23	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.3% State Rank: 1	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.7 State Rank: 29	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	69% State Rank: 49	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	22,000; 10.8% State Rank: 20	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	52,497; 24%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	17,604	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,008	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	89	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	58%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	3,179	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	478; 17%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	227	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	515	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	50.2	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	259	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	19	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	7	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	8	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.0%	17.3%

1998 Arizona State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 48 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 16 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Arizona	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,150,186	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	411,502	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	738,684	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	25,154	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,640	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	67%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	27,709; 38%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$44,526	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$553	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	64%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-30%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	233,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	146,649	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	321,595; 28% State Rank: 44	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	12% State Rank: 47	19%

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	Arizona	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	72.1% State Rank: 49	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.8% State Rank: 19	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.5 State Rank: 25	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	70% State Rank: 45	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	281,000; 22.4% State Rank: 49	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	454,952; 33%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	76,121	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	12,955	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,254	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	58%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	74%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	17,063	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,057; 43%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,483	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,503	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	75.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	2,083	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	140	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	92	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	36	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	19.1%	17.3%

1998 Arkansas State Profile

Every 18 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 3 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 4 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Arkansas	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	659,448	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	211,610	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	447,838	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	8,169	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,374	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	76%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	11,589; 33%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$38,520	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$397	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	46%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-36%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	136,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	87,311	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	170,943; 26% State Rank: 39	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	26% State Rank: 16	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Arkansas	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	76.6% State Rank: 47	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.2% State Rank: 40	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.8 State Rank: 40	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	72% State Rank: 42	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	139,000; 19.3% State Rank: 46	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	199,713; 25%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	53,880	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	16,140	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,279	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	75%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	10,978	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,084; 12%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,855	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,345	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	9	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	73.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	874	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	85	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	48	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	28	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.9%	17.3%

1998 California State Profile

Every minute a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 8 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 16 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 3 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 10 hours a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	California	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	8,866,413	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	3,317,477	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	5,548,936	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	166,418	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	96,617	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	22%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	177,131; 32%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$51,519	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$479	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	56%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-6%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	2,042,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	1,224,224	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	2,331,091; 26% State Rank: 42	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	14% State Rank: 42	19%

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	California	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	78.5% State Rank: 41	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.1% State Rank: 13	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.3 State Rank: 11	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	76% State Rank: 32	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	1,804,000; 18.7% State Rank: 44	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	3,682,510; 35%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	565,670	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	80,986	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	5,350	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	56%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	72%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	95,172	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	7,319; 31%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	12,773	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	36,390	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	68.2	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	21,227	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	843	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	650	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	129	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	22.6%	17.3%

1998 Colorado State Profile

Every 10 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Colorado	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	997,938	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	326,363	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	671,575	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	7,602	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,258	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	87%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	13,502; 25%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,941	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$501	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	58%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-52%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	125,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	75,068	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	162,858; 17% State Rank: 14	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	15% State Rank: 40	19%

* *See Data Sources on Page 106*

	Colorado	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	80.4% State Rank: 38	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.4% State Rank: 41	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.5 State Rank: 12	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	76% State Rank: 32	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	161,000; 14.9% State Rank: 35	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	208,303; 17%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	69,850	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	9,252	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	986	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	9,786	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,329; 26%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,291	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	6,287	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	51.3	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	799	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	63	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	28	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	26	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.6%	17.3%

1998 Connecticut State Profile

Every 14 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 3 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 13 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Population and Family Characteristics

	Connecticut	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	797,950	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	270,260	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	527,690	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	23,762	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,045	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	71%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	13,575; 31%	1,253,976; 32%

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995	$62,157	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.18	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$610	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	71%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-5%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	107,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	59,368	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	131,786; 17% State Rank: 14	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	16% State Rank: 36	19%

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	Connecticut	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	87.8% State Rank: 6	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.1% State Rank: 23	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.2 State Rank: 19	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	87% State Rank: 1	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	90,000; 10.6% State Rank: 18	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	212,762; 23%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	76,226	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	5,677	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	681	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	59%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	6,375	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	964; 30%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,640	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	5,082	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	39.3	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,376	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	29	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	23	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	5	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.6%	17.3%

1998 Delaware State Profile

Every 54 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 10 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 37 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Population and Family Characteristics

	Delaware	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	176,015	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	60,209	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	115,806	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	2,300	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	843	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	27%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,586; 35%	1,253,976; 32%

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995	$54,519	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$602	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	70%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-26%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	30,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	15,583	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	29,897; 17% State Rank: 16	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	28% State Rank: 13	19%

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	Delaware	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	85.3% State Rank: 10	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.4% State Rank: 41	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.5 State Rank: 25	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	80% State Rank: 10	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	24,000; 12.7% State Rank: 27	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	56,946; 27%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	15,624	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,587	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	243	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	66%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	81%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	2,030	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	169; 20%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	246	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,976	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	57.0	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	384	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	10	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	7	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	3	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	15.2%	17.3%

1998 District of Columbia Profile

Every 43 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 7 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	District of Columbia	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	109,559	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	42,052	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	67,507	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	5,916	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,088	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-10%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	5,935; 66%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$49,837	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$6.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$812	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	79%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-3%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	48,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	16,791	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	38,697; 33% State Rank: 49	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	11% State Rank: 50	19%

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	District of Columbia	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	59.8% State Rank: 51	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	13.4% State Rank: 51	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	16.2 State Rank: 51	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	78% State Rank: 20	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	19,000; 15.7% State Rank: 40	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	80,335; 59%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	7,058	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,979	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	211	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	67%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	3,266	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	160; 47%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	356	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	236	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	106.8	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	n/a	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	75	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	73	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	2	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	35.2%	17.3%

1998 Florida State Profile

Every 3 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 20 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 36 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 6 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Florida	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	3,423,067	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	1,160,206	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	2,262,861	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	77,976	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,002	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-16%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	67,474; 36%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$44,626	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$470	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	55%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-44%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	715,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	354,928	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	827,435; 25% State Rank: 36	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	16% State Rank: 38	19%

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	Florida	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	82.6% State Rank: 30	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.7% State Rank: 35	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.5 State Rank: 25	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	652,000; 17.5% State Rank: 42	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	1,245,241; 31%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	310,184	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	60,441	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	8,242	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	29,885	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	2,348; 47%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	5,742	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	7,604	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	61.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	n/a	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	204	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	132	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	56	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	20.2%	17.3%

1998 Georgia State Profile

Every 5 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 29 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 53 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Georgia	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,952,456	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	664,932	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,287,524	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	57,250	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	17,876	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	18%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	39,474; 35%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$48,850	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$423	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-40%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	422,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	230,154	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	480,129; 25% State Rank: 37	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	19% State Rank: 31	19%

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	Georgia	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	84.2% State Rank: 15	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.8% State Rank: 46	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.4 State Rank: 44	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	80% State Rank: 10	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	329,000; 15.4% State Rank: 39	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	771,308; 33%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	135,042	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	28,918	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	3,222	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	64%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	20,942	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,723; 36%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,119	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	6,309	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	71.1	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,260	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	154	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	94	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	46	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	20.8%	17.3%

1998 Hawaii State Profile

Every 2 hours a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 5 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 7 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 122 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Hawaii	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	306,523	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	110,279	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	196,244	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	2,635	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,454	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	48%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	5,428; 29%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$54,749	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.25	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$986	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	113%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	37%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	53,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	30,807	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	45,984; 15% State Rank: 5	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	25% State Rank: 18	19%

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	Hawaii	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.7% State Rank: 19	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.0% State Rank: 21	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.8 State Rank: 5	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	22,000; 6.7% State Rank: 2	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	21,943; 6%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	16,029	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,088	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	30	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	82%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	2,615	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	234; 75%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	519	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	489	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	47.9	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	463	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	3	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	2	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	1	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	15.7%	17.3%

1998 Idaho State Profile

Every 15 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 3 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 8 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 13 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Idaho	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	348,509	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	108,568	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	239,941	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	10,743	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,068	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	95%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,590; 20%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$42,142	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$532	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	62%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-68%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	40,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	31,474	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	54,066; 16% State Rank: 9	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	29% State Rank: 11	19%

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	Idaho	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	79.9% State Rank: 39	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.9% State Rank: 9	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.1 State Rank: 8	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	66% State Rank: 50	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	51,000; 13.4% State Rank: 28	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	82,762; 20%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	23,826	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	3,292	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	598	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	60%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	3,405	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	573; 12%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	462	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,326	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	12	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	49.0	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	381	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	29	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	7	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	14	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.6%	17.3%

1998 Illinois State Profile

Every 4 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 22 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 36 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 5 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every day a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Population and Family Characteristics

	Illinois	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	3,155,905	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	1,100,980	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	2,054,925	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	49,217	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	47,862	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	131%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	62,829; 34%	1,253,976; 32%

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995	$53,807	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$439	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	51%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-19%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	545,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	235,955	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	643,528; 20% State Rank: 30	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	11% State Rank: 49	19%

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	Illinois	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	80.8% State Rank: 36	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.9% State Rank: 38	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.4 State Rank: 44	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	75% State Rank: 36	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	332,000; 9.8% State Rank: 12	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	1,109,535; 30%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	255,905	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	44,446	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	8,741	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	59%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	76%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	35,641	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	3,884; 18%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,725	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	9,359	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	59.9	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	3,444*	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	320	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	250	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	50	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	15.4%	17.3%

1998 Indiana State Profile

Every 8 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 43 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 13 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Indiana	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,498,524	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	493,199	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,005,325	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	22,493	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	10,145	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	35%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	26,456; 32%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$47,465	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$404	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	47%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-49%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	188,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	132,708	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	260,217; 17% State Rank: 20	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	10% State Rank: 51	19%

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	Indiana	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	80.9% State Rank: 35	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.5% State Rank: 28	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.4 State Rank: 38	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	70% State Rank: 45	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	180,000; 11.2% State Rank: 23	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	360,442; 20%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	133,962	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	18,698	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	3,011	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	64%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	13,492	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,869; 37%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	652	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,821	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	57.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,968	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	117	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	59	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	40	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.0%	17.3%

1998 Iowa State Profile

Every 16 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 4 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 13 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Iowa	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	719,339	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	219,795	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	499,544	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	9,967	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,952	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	15%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	9,267; 25%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$47,314	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$423	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-26%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	84,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	66,293	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	112,170; 15% State Rank: 7	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	21% State Rank: 24	19%

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	Iowa	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	87.1% State Rank: 8	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.0% State Rank: 11	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.2 State Rank: 35	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	80% State Rank: 10	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	88,000; 11.4% State Rank: 25	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	171,964; 20%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	66,247	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	6,450	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,269	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	70%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	82%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	6,942	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,518; 11%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,559	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	5,087	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	38.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	627	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	28	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	7	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	18	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.1%	17.3%

1998 Kansas State Profile

Every 17 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 4 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 7 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Kansas	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	687,314	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	217,178	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	470,136	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	3,264	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	4,744	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	19%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	9,619; 26%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$46,611	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$486	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	57%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-45%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	88,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	54,954	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	117,134; 17% State Rank: 16	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	34% State Rank: 7	19%

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	Kansas	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	85.7% State Rank: 9	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.4% State Rank: 18	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.0 State Rank: 17	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	73% State Rank: 40	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	76,000; 10.3% State Rank: 17	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	161,121; 20%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	53,602	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	7,242	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,817	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	65%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	6,582	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,450; 18%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,362	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	8,667	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	52.2	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	n/a	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	49	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	28	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	16	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	12.3%	17.3%

1998 Kentucky State Profile

Every 8 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 58 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 22 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Population and Family Characteristics

	Kentucky	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	968,660	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	312,047	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	656,613	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	28,630	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,760	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-1%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	14,935; 29%	1,253,976; 32%

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995	$40,587	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$391	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	46%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-35%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	212,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	122,701	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	277,678; 28% State Rank: 45	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	16% State Rank: 35	19%

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	Kentucky	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	84.3% State Rank: 13	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.6 State Rank: 28	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	76% State Rank: 32	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	160,000; 15.0% State Rank: 36	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	348,045; 29%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	82,889	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	22,816	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	3,158	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	57%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	68%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	15,988	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,327; 49%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,888	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	798	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	62.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	646*	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	59	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	20	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	27	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.5%	17.3%

1998 Louisiana State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 42 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 14 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Louisiana	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,233,455	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	395,778	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	837,677	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	14,194	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,962	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	11%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	27,863; 42%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$41,442	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$393	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	46%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-51%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	362,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	139,256	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	419,234; 33% State Rank: 49	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	14% State Rank: 43	19%

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	Louisiana	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	80.7% State Rank: 37	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	9.7% State Rank: 49	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.8 State Rank: 48	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	79% State Rank: 15	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	277,000; 20.3% State Rank: 47	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	466,503; 31%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	91,059	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	34,038	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	8,687	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	57%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	67%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	20,750	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,446; 19%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,826	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	10,000	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	69.9	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,679	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	174	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	115	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	37	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	20.9%	17.3%

1998 Maine State Profile

Every hour a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 10 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 4 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 61 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Maine	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	299,519	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	87,357	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	212,162	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	4,628	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,473	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	42%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,859; 28%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$45,507	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$490	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	57%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-34%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	51,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	26,692	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	60,358; 19% State Rank: 26	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	36% State Rank: 4	19%

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	Maine	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	89.1% State Rank: 4	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.1% State Rank: 13	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.5 State Rank: 12	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	85% State Rank: 3	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	45,000; 14.0% State Rank: 32	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	96,652; 27%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	31,872	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,789	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	295	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	78%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	4,121	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	721; 13%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	606	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,365	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	33.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	237	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	6	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	0	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	5	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.2%	17.3%

1998 Maryland State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 14 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Maryland	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,286,190	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	437,339	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	848,851	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	n/a	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,399	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	14%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	24,124; 33%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$60,239	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$488	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	57%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-33%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	200,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	91,520	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	194,218; 15% State Rank: 7	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	23% State Rank: 21	19%

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	Maryland	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	87.9% State Rank: 5	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.5% State Rank: 43	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.9 State Rank: 41	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	78% State Rank: 20	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	158,000; 11.3% State Rank: 24	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	320,632; 21%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	100,863	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	13,824	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,610	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	66%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	81%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	10,733	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,185; 44%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,077	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	12,292	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	3	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	47.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	3,656	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	143	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	118	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	20	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	22.4%	17.3%

1998 Massachusetts State Profile

Every 9 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 21 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 9 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Massachusetts	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,421,929	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	476,241	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	945,688	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	25,375	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	13,591	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	15%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	20,880; 26%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$59,191	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.25	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$554	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	63%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-41%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	190,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	118,819	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	269,681; 19% State Rank: 24	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	27% State Rank: 14	19%

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	Massachusetts	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	89.3% State Rank: 3	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.3% State Rank: 15	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.2 State Rank: 1	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	86% State Rank: 2	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	141,000; 9.3% State Rank: 8	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	419,973; 25%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	157,196	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	16,580	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	2,240	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	60%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	78%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	12,593	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,689; 26%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,169	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	10,993	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	34.3	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	2,597	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	40	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	32	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	8	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.7%	17.3%

1998 Michigan State Profile

Every 4 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 31 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 51 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Michigan	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	2,537,014	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	816,429	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,720,585	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	21,165	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	10,889	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	21%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	46,211; 34%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$52,955	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$488	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	57%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-39%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	460,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	217,952	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	607,192; 24% State Rank: 34	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	15% State Rank: 39	19%

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	Michigan	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.6% State Rank: 20	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.7% State Rank: 35	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.3 State Rank: 36	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	74% State Rank: 38	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	220,000; 8.1% State Rank: 6	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	805,828; 27%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	188,768	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	39,866	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	6,241	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	57%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	73%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	36,849	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	3,159; 19%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	4,465	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	17,022	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	49.2	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	2,946	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	202	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	129	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	52	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	15.0%	17.3%

1998 Minnesota State Profile

Every 20 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 21 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 7 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Minnesota	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,247,008	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	383,496	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	863,512	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	10,142	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	8,452	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	16%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	15,099; 24%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$54,396	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$451	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	53%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-20%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	152,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	94,270	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	185,224; 15% State Rank: 4	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	40% State Rank: 1	19%

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	Minnesota	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.6% State Rank: 20	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.9% State Rank: 9	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.7 State Rank: 16	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	83% State Rank: 7	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	94,000; 7.1% State Rank: 4	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	369,339; 25%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	98,311	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	10,959	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,292	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	69%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	82%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	14,928	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,492; 29%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,487	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	15,559	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	32.4	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,817	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	54	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	22	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	24	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.5%	17.3%

1998 Mississippi State Profile

Every 19 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 57 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 20 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 4 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Mississippi	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	756,134	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	245,955	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	46,184	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	5,588	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,940	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	4%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	18,747; 45%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$37,328	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$386	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	45%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-50%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	220,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	100,124	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	261,597; 34% State Rank: 51	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	13% State Rank: 44	19%

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	Mississippi	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	77.2% State Rank: 46	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	9.8% State Rank: 50	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	10.5 State Rank: 50	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	79% State Rank: 15	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	156,000; 18.6% State Rank: 43	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	318,420; 34%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	66,804	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	22,037	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,598	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	64%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	73%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	22,212	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	957; 11%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,546	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,863	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	9	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	80.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	226	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	101	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	48	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	26	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	22.6%	17.3%

1998 Missouri State Profile

Every 6 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 50 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 16 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Missouri	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,394,199	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	444,804	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	949,395	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	17,764	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,331	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	13%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	23,421; 32%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$45,795	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$382	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	45%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-31%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	276,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	131,638	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	303,044; 22% State Rank: 33	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	18% State Rank: 32	19%

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	Missouri	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	85.2% State Rank: 11	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.4 State Rank: 23	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	74% State Rank: 38	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	184,000; 12.3% State Rank: 26	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	468,126; 29%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	121,407	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	18,815	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,318	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	65%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	16,887	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	2,082; 28%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,435	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,651	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	55.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,751	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	139	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	84	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	40	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	13.9%	17.3%

1998 Montana State Profile

Every 39 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 13 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 18 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Montana	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	232,751	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	67,677	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	165,074	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	4,194	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,695	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	39%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	2,950; 26%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$42,987	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$478	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	56%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-30%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	37,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	21,679	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	47,745; 20% State Rank: 29	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	21% State Rank: 26	19%

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	Montana	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	81.5% State Rank: 34	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.8% State Rank: 8	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.0 State Rank: 17	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	27,000; 10.7% State Rank: 19	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	58,925; 21%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	18,364	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,226	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	367	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	62%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	4,338	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	890; 8%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	251	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,726	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	41.8	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	n/a	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	20	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	4	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	13	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	16.4%	17.3%

1998 Nebraska State Profile

Every 33 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 4 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 6 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 15 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Nebraska	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	442,186	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	136,956	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	305,230	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	3,510	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,213	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	26%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	5,650; 24%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$44,886	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$517	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	60%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-21%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	52,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	33,540	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	62,619; 14% State Rank: 3	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	19% State Rank: 30	19%

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	Nebraska	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	84.1% State Rank: 16	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.3% State Rank: 15	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.4 State Rank: 23	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	80% State Rank: 10	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	45,000; 9.4% State Rank: 10	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	111,327; 21%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	39,308	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	4,104	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	610	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	71%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	83%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	4,464	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,296; 5%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	707	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	3,844	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	37.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	140	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	24	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	14	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	7	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	7.2%	17.3%

1998 Nevada State Profile

Every 25 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 3 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 5 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 8 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Nevada	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	416,750	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	148,618	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	268,132	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	7,791	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,823	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-29%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	10,513; 42%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,064	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$681	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	79%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-17%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	52,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	37,314	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	64,454; 17% State Rank: 16	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	22% State Rank: 23	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Nevada	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	75.7% State Rank: 48	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.4% State Rank: 25	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.7 State Rank: 4	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	70% State Rank: 45	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	86,000; 19.1% State Rank: 45	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	91,112; 19%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	28,202	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	3,599	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	223	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	80%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	2,619	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	365; 44%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	405	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	636	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	73.3	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	621	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	44	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	17	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	21	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.2%	17.3%

1998 New Hampshire State Profile

Every hour a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 8 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 11 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 37 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	New Hampshire	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	295,866	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	91,975	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	203,891	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	1,059	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,477	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-2%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,259; 22%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$54,492	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$653	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	76%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-42%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	27,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	19,179	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	34,116; 12% State Rank: 1	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	35% State Rank: 5	19%

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	New Hampshire	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	90.0% State Rank: 1	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.5% State Rank: 4	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.5 State Rank: 3	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	83% State Rank: 7	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	32,000; 10.2% State Rank: 14	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	60,418; 18%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	25,150	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,940	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	170	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	67%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	83%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	1,264	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	445; 14%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	790	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	453	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	30.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	129	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	10	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	2	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	7	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	11.8%	17.3%

1998 New Jersey State Profile

Every 8 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 56 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 12 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 7 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	New Jersey	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,986,972	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	692,984	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,293,988	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	9,279	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	8,014	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-10%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	31,711; 28%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$61,409	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$675	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	79%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-28%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	282,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	141,491	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	311,444; 16% State Rank: 10	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	24% State Rank: 20	19%

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	New Jersey	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	82.8% State Rank: 27	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.6 State Rank: 15	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	295,000; 13.9% State Rank: 30	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	465,523; 20%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	197,062	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	22,099	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	2,362	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	56%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	75%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	14,157	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	2,195; 30%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	3,000	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,100	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	38.0	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	5,256	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	55	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	43	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	11	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	18.4%	17.3%

1998 New Mexico State Profile

Every 19 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 4 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 10 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	New Mexico	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	501,233	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	164,239	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	336,994	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	8,842	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,050	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	0%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	11,459; 43%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$37,365	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$429	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	50%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-35%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	125,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	53,683	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	154,078; 31% State Rank: 47	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	16% State Rank: 37	19%

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	New Mexico	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	69.5% State Rank: 50	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.5% State Rank: 28	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.2 State Rank: 10	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	79% State Rank: 15	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	126,000; 22.9% State Rank: 50	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	224,007; 37%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	47,578	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	6,352	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	831	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	56%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	71%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	7,964	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	663; 22%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	600	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	233	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	74.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	440	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	37	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	17	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	20	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	21.7%	17.3%

1998 New York State Profile

Every 2 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 21 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 25 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 4 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	New York	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	4,540,534	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	1,601,561	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	2,938,973	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	57,699	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	52,395	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-17%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	102,791; 38%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,672	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$475	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	55%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-16%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	964,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	479,263	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	1,226,505; 27% State Rank: 43	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	15% State Rank: 40	19%

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	New York	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	78.0% State Rank: 44	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.7 State Rank: 29	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	79% State Rank: 15	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	680,000; 13.9% State Rank: 30	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	1,753,424; 33%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	394,841	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	78,293	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	15,517	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	53%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	72%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	46,609	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	3,904; 23%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,689	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	16,882	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	44.0	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	12,953	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	234	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	170	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	43	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	19.8%	17.3%

1998 North Carolina State Profile

Every 5 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 34 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 9 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Population and Family Characteristics

	North Carolina	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,833,617	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	621,140	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,212,477	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	30,935	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	12,760	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	78%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	31,923; 31%	1,253,976; 32%

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995	$47,367	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$421	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-33%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	304,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	194,492	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	354,012; 20% State Rank: 27	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	22% State Rank: 22	19%

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	North Carolina	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.5% State Rank: 22	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.7% State Rank: 44	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.2 State Rank: 42	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	284,000; 14.2% State Rank: 34	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	644,270; 29%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	147,078	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	30,279	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,931	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	67%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	80%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	17,792	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,927; 43%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	3,551	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,824	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	64.1	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	3,413	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	150	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	77	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	53	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.9%	17.3%

1998 North Dakota State Profile

Every hour a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 11 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 20 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 6 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 30 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	North Dakota	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	168,643	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	49,860	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	118,783	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	3,340	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	867	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	121%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	1,996; 24%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$43,483	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$490	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	57%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-45%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	17,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	16,892	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	28,056; 16% State Rank: 13	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	25% State Rank: 17	19%

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	North Dakota	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.9% State Rank: 17	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.3% State Rank: 1	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.2 State Rank: 19	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	81% State Rank: 9	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	14,000; 7.9% State Rank: 5	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	34,868; 17%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	12,355	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,238	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	123	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	69%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	2,957	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	582; 10%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	89	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,887	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	33.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	40	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	12	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	2	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	9	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.3%	17.3%

1998 Ohio State Profile

Every 3 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 25 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 45 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 7 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Ohio	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	2,847,841	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	918,407	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,929,434	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	58,416	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	17,800	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-2%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	50,852; 33%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,893	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$410	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	48%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-40%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	488,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	254,330	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	626,433; 22% State Rank: 32	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	28% State Rank: 12	19%

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	Ohio	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	84.7% State Rank: 12	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.7 State Rank: 39	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	309,000; 10.1% State Rank: 13	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	877,582; 26%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	227,529	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	51,357	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	8,416	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	58%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	73%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	50,919	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	3,636; 19%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	3,713	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,181	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	53.4	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	3,188	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	132	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	64	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	46	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.6%	17.3%

1998 Oklahoma State Profile

Every 13 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 3 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 23 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Oklahoma	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	880,796	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	276,019	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	604,777	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	11,700	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,017	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-12%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	13,927; 30%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$42,124	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$391	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	46%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-50%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	164,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	108,408	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	226,841; 25% State Rank: 38	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	18% State Rank: 32	19%

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	Oklahoma	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	78.2% State Rank: 43	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.0% State Rank: 21	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	8.3 State Rank: 36	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	73% State Rank: 40	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	201,000; 20.8% State Rank: 48	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	253,374; 24%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	71,728	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	11,696	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,212	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	59%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	74%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	16,019	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,763; 17%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,768	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,022	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	64.0	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,314	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	74	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	30	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	34	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	12.7%	17.3%

1998 Oregon State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 4 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Oregon	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	808,406	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	256,155	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	552,251	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	8,991	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,138	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	21%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	12,365; 29%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$46,229	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.50	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$548	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	60%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-54%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	131,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	89,384	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	146,719; 18% State Rank: 23	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	19% State Rank: 29	19%

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	Oregon	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	78.8% State Rank: 40	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.5% State Rank: 4	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.1 State Rank: 8	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	70% State Rank: 45	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	123,000; 14.0% State Rank: 32	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	170,906; 18%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	65,022	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	6,887	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	456	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	59%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	8,836	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,184; 24%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	933	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	11,167	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	50.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,056	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	57	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	18	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	28	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	12.0%	17.3%

1998 Pennsylvania State Profile

Every 22 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 32 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 47 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 7 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Pennsylvania	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	2,894,676	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	925,408	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,969,268	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	6,891	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	20,559	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	23%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	49,228; 32%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,884	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$423	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-31%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	513,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	258,137	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	582,194; 20% State Rank: 27	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	31% State Rank: 10	19%

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	Pennsylvania	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.4% State Rank: 23	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.4% State Rank: 25	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.8 State Rank: 32	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	79% State Rank: 15	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	288,000; 9.3% State Rank: 8	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	936,185; 28%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	210,929	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	43,342	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	5,188	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	56%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	73%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	29,965	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	3,128; 13%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	3,281	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,486	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	41.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	4,813	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	159	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	100	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	50	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	17.5%	17.3%

1998 Rhode Island State Profile

Every 36 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 10 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 4 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 61 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Rhode Island	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	235,283	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	77,054	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	158,229	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	4,437	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,309	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	24%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	3,975; 31%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$51,362	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$655	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	76%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-11%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	48,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	22,575	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	49,456; 21% State Rank: 31	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	13% State Rank: 45	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Rhode Island	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	89.7% State Rank: 2	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.8% State Rank: 19	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.2 State Rank: 19	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	85% State Rank: 3	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	24,000; 9.7% State Rank: 11	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	76,001; 28%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	25,072	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,909	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	557	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	59%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	79%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	2,779	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	295; 7%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	315	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	716	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	43.1	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	474	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	6	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	6	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	0	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	19.1%	17.3%

1998 South Carolina State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 60 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 18 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	South Carolina	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	937,765	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	308,884	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	628,881	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	11,439	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,234	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	59%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	19,071; 37%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$44,048	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$425	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	50%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-48%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	191,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	118,967	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	227,943; 24% State Rank: 35	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	26% State Rank: 15	19%

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	South Carolina	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	78.5% State Rank: 41	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	9.3% State Rank: 48	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.6 State Rank: 47	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	84% State Rank: 6	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	174,000; 16.8% State Rank: 41	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	313,790; 27%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	86,522	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	17,420	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	2,718	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	67%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	78%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	11,199	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,081; 28%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,657	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,534	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	65.1	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,797	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	66	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	26	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	24	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	15.6%	17.3%

1998 South Dakota State Profile

Every 58 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 15 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 4 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 28 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	South Dakota	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	204,156	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	62,065	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	142,091	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	2,526	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	665	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	17%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	2,932; 28%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$42,269	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$538	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	63%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-40%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	24,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	21,934	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	40,072; 19% State Rank: 25	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	33% State Rank: 9	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	South Dakota	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	81.9% State Rank: 32	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.6% State Rank: 7	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.5 State Rank: 46	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	80% State Rank: 10	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	19,000; 8.5% State Rank: 7	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	54,018; 22%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	15,512	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	2,687	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	241	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	71%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	82%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	4,057	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	661; 5%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	143	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,237	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	40.5	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	199	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	13	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	2	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	7	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.6%	17.3%

1998 Tennessee State Profile

Every 14 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 42 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 13 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Tennessee	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,322,161	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	440,022	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	882,139	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	12,166	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	6,520	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	31%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	24,185; 33%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$44,312	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$438	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	51%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-51%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	284,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	150,896	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	342,542; 26% State Rank: 39	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	11% State Rank: 48	19%

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	Tennessee	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	82.8% State Rank: 27	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	8.7% State Rank: 44	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	9.3 State Rank: 43	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	219,000; 15.1% State Rank: 37	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	633,961; 40%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	126,461	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	22,674	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,028	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	63%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	75%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	15,337	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,522; 21%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,741	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,518	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	67.9	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	944	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	137	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	75	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	40	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	20.0%	17.3%

1998 Texas State Profile

Every 3 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 10 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 23 minutes a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 4 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 19 hours a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Texas	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	5,452,277	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	1,899,795	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	3,552,482	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	46,768	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	11,700	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	75%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	96,816; 30%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$43,977	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$417	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-40%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	1,320,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	683,606	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	1,539,249; 29% State Rank: 46	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	19% State Rank: 28	19%

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	Texas	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	17.3% State Rank: 45	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.1% State Rank: 23	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.5 State Rank: 12	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	72% State Rank: 42	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	1,440,000; 24.1% State Rank: 51	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	1,847,355; 28%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	441,543	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	54,479	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	9,065	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	58%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	72%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	58,199	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	5,890; 21%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	7,445	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	13,860	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	10	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	76.1	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	7,196	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	462	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	289	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	126	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	20.7%	17.3%

1998 Utah State Profile

Every 20 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 4 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 7 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Utah	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	678,803	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	224,907	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	453,896	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	8,848	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,936	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	65%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	6,224; 16%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$45,611	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$458	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	53%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-42%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	58,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	57,325	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	93,257; 14% State Rank: 2	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	20% State Rank: 27	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Utah	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	84.3% State Rank: 13	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.3% State Rank: 15	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.4 State Rank: 2	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	63% State Rank: 51	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	75,000; 10.2% State Rank: 14	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	128,353; 16%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	52,463	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	4,299	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	526	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	57%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	76%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	5,330	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	674; 10%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	320	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	2,690	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	42.4	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	760	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	54	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	14	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	37	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.3%	17.3%

1998 Vermont State Profile

Every 3 hours a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 16 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every day a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 9 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 61 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Vermont	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	146,648	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	43,441	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	103,207	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	1,122	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,430	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	35%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	1,689; 25%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$47,376	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.25	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$684	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	78%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-24%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	27,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	16,133	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	25,470; 17% State Rank: 19	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	35% State Rank: 6	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Vermont	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	87.3% State Rank: 7	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.4% State Rank: 3	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	6.0 State Rank: 7	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	85% State Rank: 3	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	11,000; 7.0% State Rank: 3	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	61,559; 36%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	11,246	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,329	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	194	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	66%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	82%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	1,440	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	318; 12%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	500	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	1,620	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	28.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	n/a	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	6	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	0	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	5	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	13.6%	17.3%

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1998 Virginia State Profile

Every 9 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 50 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every hour a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 12 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Virginia	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,631,836	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	550,218	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	1,081,618	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	10,416	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	6,844	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	10%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	27,090; 29%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,032	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$423	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	49%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-40%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	261,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	130,091	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	289,223; 18% State Rank: 22	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	38% State Rank: 3	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Virginia	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.8% State Rank: 18	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.7% State Rank: 35	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.8 State Rank: 32	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	197,000; 11.0% State Rank: 21	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	439,778; 22%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	141,759	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	22,305	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	4,162	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	64%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	78%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	14,516	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,698; 23%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,278	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,840	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	48.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,568	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	106	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	65	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	29	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	18.9%	17.3%

1998 Washington State Profile

Every 9 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 59 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 19 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Washington	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,436,804	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	467,380	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	969,424	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	20,264	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,715	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	-27%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	20,635; 27%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$51,415	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$512	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	60%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-17%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	247,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	145,414	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	248,624; 17% State Rank: 20	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	33% State Rank: 8	19%

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Health and Disabilities

	Washington	United States
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	82.7% State Rank: 29	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	5.5% State Rank: 4	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	5.9 State Rank: 6	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	78% State Rank: 20	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	171,000; 11.0% State Rank: 21	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	543,411; 32%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	106,890	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	12,498	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,191	145,904

Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	57%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	76%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	14,578	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	1,806; 20%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	1,734	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	8,725	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7	*

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995	47.6	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	1,700	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	75	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	37	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	29	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	19.5%	17.3%

1998 West Virginia State Profile

Every 27 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 5 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 13 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	West Virginia	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	421,933	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	129,229	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	292,704	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	n/a	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,877	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	44%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	6,463; 31%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$39,731	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$434	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	51%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-37%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	124,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	54,713	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	142,138; 33% State Rank: 48	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	24% State Rank: 19	19%

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	West Virginia	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	82.0% State Rank: 31	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.9% State Rank: 38	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.9 State Rank: 34	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	71% State Rank: 44	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	47,000; 10.2% State Rank: 14	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	261,343; 50%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	46,487	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	8,293	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	1,359	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	48%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	60%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	7,507	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	898; 8%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	300	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	4,450	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	52.7	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	151	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	28	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	10	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	15	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	24.6%	17.3%

1998 Wisconsin State Profile

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 18 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Wisconsin	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	1,343,034	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	408,410	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	934,624	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	17,118	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,832	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	30%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	18,457; 27%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$50,628	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$467	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	54%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-60%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	159,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	108,898	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	218,733; 16% State Rank: 11	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	38% State Rank: 2	19%

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	Wisconsin	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.4% State Rank: 23	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	6.0% State Rank: 11	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.3 State Rank: 22	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	76% State Rank: 32	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	92,000; 6.4% State Rank: 1	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	334,921; 21%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	106,413	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	19,803	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	3,877	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	67%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	81%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	15,628	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	2,014; 19%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	2,229	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	7,516	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	37.8	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	2,291	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	74	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	30	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	31	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	10.4%	17.3%

1998 Wyoming State Profile

Every 9 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

Every 19 hours a baby was born at low birthweight.

Every 8 days a baby died during the first year of life.

Every 26 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Wyoming	United States
Population and Family Characteristics		
Number of children under age 18, 1996	133,275	69,048,323
Number of children under age 6, 1996	37,952	23,331,932
Number of children ages 6 - 17, 1996	95,323	45,716,391
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995	1,508	n/a
Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,241	480,249
Percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995	363%	19%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995	1,653; 26%	1,253,976; 32%
Economic Security and Federal Program Participation		
Median income of families of four, 1995	$45,925	$49,687
Hourly minimum wage, 1997	$5.15	$5.15
Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998	$456	*
Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998	53%	*
Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997	-77%	-29%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	17,000	13,195,000
Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children Food (WIC) Program, FY 1997	12,437	7,178,456
Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993	20,673; 15% State Rank: 5	15,727,492; 23%
Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995	12% State Rank: 46	19%

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	Wyoming	United States
Health and Disabilities		
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995	83.1% State Rank: 26	81.3%
Rate of low birthweight births, 1995	7.4% State Rank: 25	7.3%
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995	7.7 State Rank: 29	7.6
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996	77% State Rank: 23	77%
Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996	20,000; 13.4% State Rank: 28	11,300,000; 15.1%
Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996	35,153; 22%	23,254,568; 28%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	12,549	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, November 1997	1,106	944,130
Number of child cases terminated from SSI since August 1996 - December 1997	177	145,904
Child Care and Early Childhood Education		
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children under age 6, 1990	61%	60%
Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children ages 6 - 17, 1990	77%	75%
Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996	1,729	798,513
Number and percentage of public schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994	411; 11%	80,737; 19%
Number of licensed child care centers, 1997	223	96,507
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1997	831	282,883
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1997	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5	*
Youth Development		
Teen birth rate, 1995	47.2	56.8
Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996	67	n/a
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1995	14	4,716
Number of homicides of young people under 20 due to firearms, 1995	1	3,249
Number of suicides of young people under age 20 by firearms, 1995	10	1,450
Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16 - 19, 1995	14.9%	17.3%

Data Sources

Every Day in America statistics are taken from the CDF publication, *The State of America's Children Yearbook 1998.*

Number of children reported abused or neglected are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, *Child Maltreatment 1995: Report from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data Systems* (1997), Table 1. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund. Data comparisons should not be made between years or among states. Duplicated counts and differences and changes in practice and policy prevent meaningful comparisons.

Number of births to a teenage mother are the number of births to women under age 20. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, unpublished data. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Number of low birthweight births are the number of live births weighing under 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.). The data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1995" (June 10, 1997), Table 16. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Number of infant deaths are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement 2, "Report of Final Mortality Statistics, 1995" (June 12, 1997), Table 30. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Number of gun deaths are the number of young people under age 20 killed by firearms, averaged from 1991 - 1995. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, unpublished data. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Population and Family Characteristics

Number of children under age 18, 1996, are from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished data.

Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1995, are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, unpublished special analyses. Data for the states of Maryland and West Virginia are not available. Since data are missing, a total count for the United States has been omitted. Data comparisons should not be made between years or among states. Duplicated counts and differences and changes in practice and policy prevent meaningful comparisons.

Children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995, percentage change from FY 1990 - FY 1995, are from the American Public Welfare Association, Voluntary Cooperative Information System, unpublished data. The actual date varies by state depending on each state's fiscal calendar.

Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1995, are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1995" (June 10, 1997), Tables 8 and 16. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Economic Security and Federal Program Participation

Median income of families of four, 1995, is the dollar amount for which exactly half of the families in the state earned more than the amount and half of the families earned less. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, *Federal Register*, Vol. 62, No. 51 (March 17, 1997), pp. 12651-12652.

Hourly minimum wage, 1997, is the minimum wage as of Sept. 1, 1997. While the standard minimum wage is set by the federal government, many states have increased wages. Data are from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division.

Lowest fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, 1998, reported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is the lowest fair market rent in a metropolitan county. The United States lowest rent has been omitted since it would not provide a meaningful comparison. Data are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Federal Register*, Vol. 62, No. 83 (April 30, 1997), pp. 23551-23611.

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Lowest rent as a percentage of minimum wage, 1998, was calculated by the Children's Defense Fund. This indicator is an attempt to measure the rent burden for low-income families by measuring the ratio of lowest rent to income (monthly wages earned for a typical 40-hour work week). Data are from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Federal Register*, Vol. 62, No. 83 (April 30, 1997), pp. 23551-23611.

Percentage change in number of welfare (AFDC/TANF) recipients, January 1993 to August 1997, data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/tables.htm .

Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997, is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data. Data reflect the average participation of children under age 18 for each month that the program operates. State entitlements are rounded to the nearest 1,000; the U.S. total may not equal the sum of the state numbers because of this rounding.

Number of participants receiving food supplements through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, FY 1997 is the total number of women, infants, and children receiving supplements through WIC. Data are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

Number and percentage of children under age 18 who are poor, 1993, are the number and percentage of children who are living below the federal poverty line, which in 1993 was $14,763 for a family of four. Data are from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe93.html . States are ranked by percentage of children in poverty, from lowest to highest.

Percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, FY 1995, is the percentage of cases that had at least one child support payment in a year. The data do not indicate how many cases receive the total amount entitled. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Child Support: 20th Annual Report to Congress For the Period Ending September 30, 1995* (1997), Tables 32-34. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund. States are ranked from highest to lowest collection rate.

Health and Disabilities

Incidence of early prenatal care, 1995, is the percentages of babies born to mothers who received prenatal care within the first trimester of pregnancy. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1995" (June 10, 1997), Table 34. States are ranked from highest to lowest incidence of early prenatal care.

Rate of low birthweight births, 1995, is the percentage of live births weighing under 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.). Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1995" (June 10, 1997), Table 16. States are ranked from lowest to highest incidence of low birthweight births.

Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1995 is equal to the number of infant deaths (before age 1) per 1,000 live births. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 45, No. 11, Supplement 2, "Report of Final Mortality Statistics, 1995" (June 12, 1997), Table 30. States are ranked from lowest to highest rate.

Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1996, are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 46, No. 29 (July 25, 1997), pp. 662-663. Full immunization equals four or more doses of DPT or DT, three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, one or more doses of any measles-containing vaccine, and three or more doses of Hib vaccine. States are ranked from highest to lowest percentage of immunized children.

Number and percentage of children through age 18 lacking health insurance, 1994-1996, are the average number and percentage of uninsured children from 1994, 1995, and 1996, for the states. The United States total is for 1996. Data are from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, March 1995, 1996, 1997. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund. States are ranked from lowest to highest percentage of children lacking insurance.

Number and percentage of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1996, includes any persons under age 21 enrolled in Medicaid for any length of time in FY 1996. Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, unpublished data; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished data. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) program, 1995-1996, data are from the U.S. Department of Education, *To Assure the Free Appropriate Public Education of All Children with Disabilities: Nineteenth Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (1997), Table AA1.

Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, November 1997, is from the Social Security Administration, unpublished data. A child is defined as under age 18 or under age 22 if a student.

Number of child cases terminated from the SSI program August 1996 - December 1997 is the number of children that were terminated from the SSI program due to implementation of the 1996 welfare law. Data are from the Social Security Administration, unpublished data. A child is defined as under age 18 or under age 22 if a student.

Child Care and Early Education

Percentage of mothers in the labor force with children, 1990, data are from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3.

Total number of children participating in Head Start, 1996, data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Bureau, unpublished data.

Number and percentage of schools offering extended day programs, 1993-1994, data are from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

Number of licensed child care centers, family child care homes, or group homes, 1997, are the number complying with each state's licensing requirements. Data are from the Children's Foundation, Washington, D.C..

Training required prior to serving children, family providers, and teachers in centers, 1997, are determined by state law. The United States has no federal standards. The data are from *Data on Child Care Licensing,* Azer and Capraro, The Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, Mass.

Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1997 is determined by state licensing law. The United States has no federal standards. The data are from *Data on Child Care Licensing,* Azer and Capraro, The Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, Mass. The recommended level of 3 - 5 18-month-olds per caregiver is from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Youth Development

Teen birth rate, 1995, is the percentage of births to women ages 15-19 per 1,000 females in that age group. Data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report,* Vol. 46, No. 36 (September 12, 1997), p. 840.

Number of reported juvenile violent crime arrests, 1996 includes arrests of children under age 18 for murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Complete data were not available for Illinois and Kentucky; the FBI estimated the arrest counts for those states. The FBI did not provide numbers for Kansas, Montana, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. The aggregate state total for Florida was provided by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. A United States total is not included due to the missing data. Data are from the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation; *Crime in the United States: 1996* (1997) Table 69.

Deaths by firearms -- including all deaths, homicides, and suicides -- of young people under age 20, 1995, are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, unpublished data. Calculations by the Children's Defense Fund.

Annual average unemployment rate for youths, ages 16-19, 1995, comes from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 1995* (February 1997), Table 12.

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